

Discourse Strategies

(Unit 9, page 107)

Expressing frustration and responding with empathy or disagreement

- A. Use the expressions on the left to show frustration with a person, thing, or situation. Use the expressions on the right to respond. Expressing frustration and responding will make your discussion richer and more interesting. Practice saying each.

<u>Expressing frustration</u> I've HAD it with . . . I'm FED UP with . . . I've GIVEN UP on . . . I'm SO SICK of . . . I'm REALLY TIRED of . . . I'm SICK and TIRED of . . .	<u>Responding with empathy</u> I KNOW what you MEAN. You can say THAT again. Isn't THAT the truth! <u>Disagreeing</u> I'm not so sure I agree with that. I'm not so sure I'm with you on that. I'm not sure I understand.
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- B. **Group Work.** Complete the sentences below with an expression of frustration and the name of a person or thing indicated in parentheses. Then work in a small group. Take turns expressing frustration and responding.

_____. You can't trust anything he / she says.
(express frustration) (name of politician)

_____. It's/ She's / He's really annoying.
(express frustration) (name of news show / newscaster)

_____. You can't believe anything they write.
(express frustration) (name of newspaper / magazine)

_____ ads / commercials. They're ridiculous.
(express frustration) (product type / brand name)

Your own idea:
_____. _____
(express frustration) (name) (reason)

- C. Now practice expressing frustration and responding as you do the Discussion Builder activities on page 107.